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SCRIPTURE: II Corinthians 5:20 to 6:10.

DEVOTIONAL READING: Romans 12:21.

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## THE ELBA CLIPPER

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## Mr. McDowell Returns

About 10 years ago we began reading a column in The Elba Clipper call "About People and Things". It was written by a fellow named C. B. McDowell. We didn't know Mr. McDowell and knew very few of the people mentioned in his column. However, we read the column weekly because we liked Mr. McDowell's style of writing and enjoyed his comments.

After coming to Elba and getting acquainted with Mr. McDowell we urged him to renew his column, but he had traveling on his mind and instead of writing for us he moved to Florida.

Mr. "Mac" didn't take to Florida very well, however, and has returned to Elba and the Clipper. Not only is he going to revive "About People and Things", he is also writing all the county news.

We are pleased at the return of Mr. McDowell. We have been unable to give you as much of the county news as we would have liked. Mr. McDowell will devote his full time to outside activities including gathering news, and soliciting advertising and subscriptions. We feel that he is well qualified for the position and feel that the Clipper will be much improved by his efforts.

Mr. McDowell requests the continued cooperation of all Coffee County citizens in turning in news stories and subscriptions. With your help we can make the Clipper a really good newspaper.

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## Buying Socks

One day last week we watched a man selling socks from a truck. We have no idea just how many socks he sold but it's a good bet that there are several stores in Elba that will sell less in a year's time than he sold in a day.

The socks he sold went at five pair for a dollar, and they looked pretty good. Maybe the people who bought them got their money's worth — maybe not. Such salesmen do not depend on a good reputation to stay in business. They sell to a customer, and before he has time to try out the article the salesman has gone. If the socks sold Saturday were no good the purchaser can't complain. The seller has moved on to pick up someone else's dollars. He was looking for dollars while he was here, and he collected them. He has no reason to worry if his customers aren't satisfied.

Elba merchants, on the other hand, depend on a list of satisfied customers for their living. They sell merchandise upon which they base their reputation. Under this condition you stand a much better chance of getting your money's worth.

Elba merchants also contribute to the welfare of Elba. Their taxes help keep up the town and schools. Their contributions help support our churches. It's rarely ever that Elba people can buy bigger bargains outside Elba stores than they can buy in them. Spend your dollars in Elba where you stand a chance of getting some of them back. Dollars spent like the ones that went for the socks always wind up in some other town instead of remaining in Elba where they are needed.

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## ABC Revenue

Figures recently released from the state show that Coffee County in the year of October 1, 1946 to September 1, 1947, received \$35,339.68 from ABC revenues. This total was distributed between the treasures of the county and the cities of Elba, Enterprise, New Brockton, and Kinston. Elba's share was \$2,195.33 in the general fund and \$3,477.60 for Welfare Participation, making the total \$5,672.93.

This revenue comes from a product that is illegal in Coffee County. State laws regulating sale of liquor are so set up as to provide revenue for each county, wet or dry. Thus Coffee County is in the very admirable position of reaping the advantage of liquor without assuming the responsibilities for its presence.

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## Basketball

With the finish of football season most of us figured sports were over until the opening of baseball season. Many of us tend to overlook the game of basketball. Until this week we hadn't bothered to see any of the Tiger games. Until we saw them trounce the Bobcats of Opp last Friday night we didn't know that Elba really had a good basketball team.

Basketball has failed to attract the American public as has football and baseball. Perhaps the fact that it is based upon skill instead of strength is an influence, or maybe it just needs a good publicity agent. Whatever the reason, many of us have been passing up opportunities to see fine games.

That Coffee Countians are afforded the best in 12 contests, Sidney Lanier High of Montgomery, has lost only two games, both to Coffee County teams, Kinston and Enterprise. New Brockton and Elba do not meet the Poets, but they do meet several outstanding teams and thus far they have given a good account of themselves.

The Elba Tigers, though rated behind Kinston and Enterprise, is a good team and make a game interesting against any team.

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## Moving

Last week we started the last part of our moving — our newspaper press.

For months we tried to locate a pressman to do the job but were unsuccessful, so we finally tackled the job ourselves. The salemen had gone. If the socks sold Saturday were no good the purchaser can't complain. The seller has moved on to pick up someone else's dollars. He was looking for dollars while he was here, and he collected them. He has no reason to worry if his customers aren't satisfied.

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## Correspondents Wanted

The Clipper needs news correspondents in every community within 15 miles of Elba. We would like to devote a column each week to the news and happenings of each community. If you have a fair education and would like to try reporting news, write us a letter, call by the office, or contact Mr. C. B. McDowell.

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## Dirty Snow.

Seems that snow fell all over the U. S. except in Elba this week. Reports from Southern cities treated to a rare snow were filled with praise of the beauty of the landscape. We agree with them. It was probably beautiful for a while but how pretty is it now that it is melting and slopping up everything. Snow in Southern states is beautiful for a very short while then is just as nasty as it was pretty.

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FOR SALE — One house and 73 acres of land six miles south of Elba on mail and school bus route. If interested see C. Thomas at Elba Milling Co., or Fred Bryan at Dorsey Trailers.

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"If you're good, Mr. Lester," she said.

"Good, good man," he said. "What is it about your car that makes such a dreadful rattling noise?"

"That? Oh, that's the \$6.50 jingling around in my pocket," said the driver of the small car.

Joe grinned. "I'll be here," he said.

Sis brought in her meal. He just finished it when the door opened and a tall, young man in a brown tweed suit swept into the room like a ray of sunlight.

He was brightened but politely she asked Joe his name, and introduced him. The boy, she said, was Harry Brinkley.

"Years ago," she explained, "Mr. Colin used to live here. We got

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wandering on the Sahara desert, clad only in his underpants, when he met an Arab."

"Where?" asked the Arab, "are you?"

"For a swim," said the Bronxite.

"The water was the ocean two miles from the Bronx blinks."

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"She took it. "You—you're wonderful," she whispered. "And I can't understand why. Thank—tonight."

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Automobiles used by the state highway patrol, special and public service commission investigators, the governor's office, ABC board administrator, department heads, constitutional officers and heads of the various state institutions are exempt from the order.

The new administrator said that the delay in putting the governor's program into operation was due to the lapse of time necessary to contact a number of men that would be required to carry out the state's regular functions. Stieffelmeyer added that it was also necessary to receive a shipment of seals to mark the cars before the program could get underway.

The seals have been shipped

"Evening master! Can I help you?" Joe looked up. "A lump settled in his throat. "I'm not troubling at all," he said, "but I have to start in here."

"Twenty-two years old! When he had last seen her, she was a mere girl. "I'm playing make you nervous?" asked the saxophone player.

"It did when I first heard her neighbors talking about it," said the man next door. "But now I don't care what happens to you."

On the House

A young man was taking a well-known Seafarer to dinner. After a hearty meal the Irishman led the way to the cashier. He told her several jokes and laughed until she became confused.

Finally, she asked: "Did you pay your check?"

"Oh, yes, yes," was his prompt reply.

Turning to the Scot she asked him the same question.

"Mr. and Mrs. Lester," she told him.

"Carrie Lester."

"Lester?" So Martha had ditched "Carrie." "Lester," Joe mused. "Heck, I knew your old man's what he was."

"I don't know," she said. "Mother thinks he's out in California."

"How about a husband—or maybe a boy friend?"

"Well, that gave off warmth like sunshine. "A boy friend," she said brightly. "But it won't be long before they, Mr. and Mrs. Lester."

"If you're good, Mr. Lester," she explained, "Mr. Colin used to live here. We got

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